

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and extending our very best wishes for its continued success.

**COSPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 830—HELP
COPAYS ACT**

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I have cosponsored H.R. 830, the HELP Copays Act, to ensure that patients have affordable access to lifesaving care, prescription medication, and treatments. This bill would require health insurance plans to apply third-party payments, financial assistance, discounts, and other reductions in out-of-pocket expenses for an enrollee toward their cost-sharing requirements. I support this bipartisan effort to reduce out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs.

Should the bill move forward in the legislative process, I recommend limiting its provisions to drugs without a generic competitor. This ensures that patients who only have access to one expensive, branded drug to treat their condition can access payment assistance from manufacturers, but also incentivizes the use of lower-cost, generic drugs when possible. Narrowing the bill in this manner would prevent pharmaceutical manufacturers from abusing copay assistance programs to steer patients toward branded drugs that burden our healthcare system as a whole. I urge Congress to move forward with this proposal to provide relief to patients who may be forced to delay lifesaving care due to high cost-sharing and copay requirements.

**RECOGNIZING KEVIN P. DONOVAN,
A.O.H. PAUL “HOOK” O’MALLEY
DIVISION 4 MAN OF THE YEAR**

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Kevin P. Donovan, who will be named the 2023 Man of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4. Kevin will be honored at their annual gathering this very day.

Kevin is the son of Marian Elizabeth Lockard Donovan and the late Daniel John Donovan. He was raised with his eight siblings in the Keyser Valley section of West Scranton. He grew up attending St. David’s Church and playing baseball at the Lackawanna Little League. He was selected to play on the All-Star team and helped lead the team to several championship titles.

Kevin is a 1987 graduate of West Scranton Senior High School. While at West Scranton, he stood out as a member of the cross country and track and field teams. He clinched numerous district medals, including second place in the district cross country championship meet. He was also the Jordan Relays champion in track and the southern division track champion. He still holds several records in

both track and cross country at West Scranton High School. He was a two-time state qualifier as well as a member of the varsity wrestling team.

Kevin has worked as a roofer for Local No. 30 out of Philadelphia for 30 years. He currently works for the Lackawanna County Housing Authority SEIU Local No. 668.

Kevin is a more than 30-year member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and a current officer in the Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4. He is a dedicated volunteer with many community charitable organizations and a parishioner at St. Patrick’s church where he is a member of the Holy Name Society.

Kevin is married to Michelle Lynch Donovan, and they have three children, Kevin, Kacey and Liam. He is also the proud grandfather of his grandson Braydon.

I am honored to join with the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4 to recognize Kevin as the Man of the Year for his lifelong service to the community. May he continue to feel called to serve and support others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on March 22, 2023, I was unable to cast my vote on H. Res. 1159—To amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State’s Taiwan Guidelines.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 145.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present on March 22nd.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 144, and YEA on Roll Call No. 145.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
MICHAEL ALLEN**

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Dr. Michael Allen, who passed away on February 25, 2023, in Santa Monica, California. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and a distinguished professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Michael Allen was born on April 1, 1941, in East Sussex, England to Frederick “Jack” Allen and Ena Muriel Allen. As a young boy, Michael excelled in school, becoming one of the top students at his grammar school and eventually enrolling at Wadham College, Ox-

ford University. After receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Oxford, Michael made his way to the United States, teaching at Ohio University. In 1970, he received his doctorate at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he also met his wife, Elena. That same year, Michael received a job offer to serve on the faculty at UCLA.

Michael quickly distinguished himself as a professor and scholar. While his teaching focused on the range of English literature from the Anglo-Saxons to Milton, his research focused on the philosophical, theological, and mythological issues raised by fifteenth century Italian Platonists. Throughout his time at UCLA, Michael served as a faculty lecturer with the UCLA Travel Study program. He also took on many leadership positions at UCLA and wrote or edited approximately 21 books. By the time he retired in 2012, Michael had received many prestigious honors, including the Eby Award for Undergraduate Teaching, UCLA’s top teaching honor.

Michael dedicated his life to academia and his family. He was a sought-after lecturer, enthralling audiences with engrossing lectures and discussions on philosophical and literary topics. He inspired generations of UCLA students as he made past worlds and perspectives come alive through his lectures, courses, and books. He loved hiking, botany, cooking, traveling, literature and most of all, his family. Michael was an inspiration to so many people and touched so many lives with his intellectual curiosity and love of storytelling. His loss will be felt by his friends, family, and the many communities he has affected.

Michael is survived by his wife, Elena; sister, Patricia; sons, Ben and Will; daughters-in-law, Claudia and Melanie; three grandchildren, and a dog. May his memory live on in his many contributions to his community and family.

**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF RAMADAN, THE MUSLIM HOLY MONTH OF FASTING AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, AND COMMENDING MUSLIMS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR THEIR FAITH**

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to introduce legislation to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and wish Muslims around the world a Ramadan Mubarak! I thank the endorsing organizations that joined this important resolution: Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Islamic Relief, and the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

I am honored to partner with my Muslim colleagues, Rep. RASHIDA TLAIB and Rep. ILHAN OMAR to introduce this resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Ramadan and the various contributions of Muslims in the U.S. and worldwide. Ramadan is of great importance to Muslim Americans and 1.9 million Muslims globally. We are reminded during this

holy month of the rich diversity and many contributions that Muslim Americans have made in every sector of society. Diversity is a corner stone of American society and success. Our American Muslim community is a vital contributor to our nation's diversity, as well as to the talents, perspectives, and achievements that diversity brings.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the religious significance of Ramadan and wishing Muslim Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous month by signing on to this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE SGT. JACK
MCGREEVEY MEMORIAL PARK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication of the Sgt. Jack McGreevey Memorial Park in Carteret, New Jersey. I join with borough officials, employees, residents, and the McGreevey family in paying tribute to the life and service of Sgt. Jack McGreevey.

A Marine Corps veteran who served in Guam, China, and Japan during WWII and as a Sergeant and Drill Instructor during the Korean War, Sgt. McGreevey was a fierce advocate for veterans. In his capacity as a Legislative Aide for state Senator Joseph Vitale, Speaker Craig Coughlin, and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Sgt. McGreevey worked with local veterans to secure benefits. In addition, through his service with various veterans' organizations, Sgt. McGreevey was an effective voice on behalf of the veteran community and fought to promote their priorities and support their needs.

Sgt. McGreevey was a friend to everyone. His affable demeanor left an impact on everyone he met. He exemplified honor, integrity, and professionalism throughout his life, and I am confident his commitment to service will continue to inspire others.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my honor to commemorate this dedication ceremony in remembrance of Sgt. Jack McGreevey. Sgt. McGreevey honorably served our Nation and the veterans' community, and his selflessness, duty, and civic engagement are truly deserving of this recognition.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
LINDA GREENBLATT

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Linda Greenblatt who

passed away on March 18 of this year. Linda was a devoted mother, wife, and pillar of her community who will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Linda will long be remembered for her contributions to both the town of Red Hook and Dutchess County, New York. She taught history and social studies at Red Hook Middle and High Schools, was an election coordinator for the Dutchess County Board of Elections, and a member of numerous community groups.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Linda Greenblatt. While we mourn her passing, we celebrate her life and the legacy she leaves behind. May her life and memory always be a blessing.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT J.
"RJ" DUKE SHORT ON HIS 89TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert J. Duke Short, U.S. Senate Official, on the occasion of his 89th birthday and to wish him a joyous birthday celebration.

Mr. RJ Short was born in Moultrie, Georgia on March 31, 1934. He graduated from North Georgia College in 1956, with a Bachelor of Science degree. Upon graduating from college, he worked as an industrial engineer before going back to school. He then attended Palmer College, in Port Orange, Florida afterward, to become a chiropractor. Mr. Short then joined the U.S. Army where he courageously served his country from 1957 to 1961.

After spending five years in the Army serving our great country, he joined the Department of Treasury for 2 years before becoming a Senior investigator for the Senate subcommittee on Internal Security.

Mr. Short quickly rose through the ranks to become the Republican staff director and Chief investigator for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, in which he served for 12 years.

In 1989, Mr. Short served 15 years as Chief of Staff to Senator Strom Thurmond, a Republican from South Carolina. He was also a Counselor to the Chief Judge of the United States of America Military Court Appeals.

Duke and his wife, Denise, happily married on May 23, 1992. Mr. Short has risen above many personal challenges and has been a great public servant for his country. He is the epitome of the American success story. Duke has also been decorated with many awards and achievements for his hard work throughout the years. Mr. Short has been listed as a

noteworthy and honorable U.S. Senate official by Marquis Who's Who. He is a recipient of the United Service Organizations Appreciation award, Employees Support of Guard and Reserve Appreciation award, named one of the fifty most Powerful Staffers in Congress by Roll Call, honorary judge of The United States of America Claims Court, and Palmer Academy Chiropractic fellow. In 2002, Governor James Hodge gave Mr. Short the Order of the Palmetto, the state of South Carolina's highest honor. Robert J. Duke Short has set the gold standard for his years of dedicated service and commitment which will long be remembered and for that we all join in saying thank you, and wish him a happy birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote today on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 241, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to H. Res. 241, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 406, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for the Passage of H. Joint Res. 30, I would have voted "no." This legislation would block the Department of Labor's recent rule, entitled "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights," which clarifies that fiduciary planners may consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk when making investment decisions. I commend the Department of Labor's ESG rule, which will assure beneficiaries that their retirement savings will not be subjected to the pendulum swings of changing policy. Fiduciary planners must not have their hands tied when it comes to considering ESG factors that pose legitimate economic risks to Americans' benefit plans.

Had I been present for the Bonamici Amendment No. 5, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for the Crane Amendment No. 6, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the Davidson Amendment No. 7, I would have voted "no."

Additionally, had I been present for Fitzpatrick Amendment No. 8, I would have voted "aye."